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This is a supplemental response for the Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(B) for revival of the above-identified abandoned application due to unintentional delay.

As the required reply with the Petition, a continuation application was concurrently filed via EFS. Attached is the Status Letter indicating that the continuation application was filed on 14 July 2006 and accorded application number 11/457,506. Also attached is the first page of the continuation application wherein benefit of the above-identified application is claimed.

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Atomizer for applying liquids onto eyes

This Application is a continuation of U.S. Pat. App. No. 10/601,737, filed on June 23, 2003, which is a continuation of U.S. Pat. App. No. 10/185,949, filed on June 28, 2002, which is an application claiming the benefit under 35 USC 119(e) of U.S. Prov. App. No. 60/348,785, filed on October 23, 2001. This Application also claims priority of foreign application DE 10131178, filed on June 29, 2001. This Application incorporates these priority applications by reference in their entireties.

The present invention relates to atomisers for applying liquids to the cornea of the eye or to the connective tissue of the eye, special eye adapters for atomizers and the use of atomizers for ophthalmological administration. The atomizers according to the invention are free from propellant gas and have an energy reservoir for supplying the energy required for the atomizing process.

Prior art

For treating dry eyes, for moistening the surface of the eye for contact lens wearers, for numerous eye diseases or methods of investigating the eye it is usual to administer medicaments in the form of an aqueous formulation as eye drops. For this form of administration, liquid dispensers have been developed in which the formulation is supplied from a storage bottle through a dropper, for example (dropper bottles or EDO-Ophthiols). The aqueous formulation usually flows out of the dropper opening as a result of manual pressure being applied to the compressible storage bottle. First, a drop forms on the opening, which does not break away from the dropper and drop into the eye until a certain relationship is reached between the size of the dropper opening, the surface tension and the weight of the drop. Usually, aqueous eye drops have a volume